

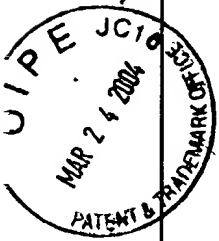
03-26-04
Imale

12CE/15

PTO/SB/30 (05-03)

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**Address to: RCE
Mail Stop
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Application Number	09/917,181
Filing Date	July 26, 2001
First Named Inventor	THEEUWES, FELIX
Art Unit	1641
Examiner Name	LAM, ANN Y.
Attorney Docket Number	DURE-023

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission** required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____
 - iii. ☐ Other ____
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ **Amendment/Reply**
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Other **Fee Transmittal In Duplicate & postcard**
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - b. ☐ Other ____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.
 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **50-0815**
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other ____
 - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ ____ enclosed
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Carol L. Francis	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	36,513
Signature		Date	March 24, 2004

EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EV 333998049 US

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.114. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

03/29/2004 AWONDAF1 00000018 500815 09917181

01 FC:1801 770.00 DA



EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EV 333998049 US

AMENDMENT Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	DURE-023
	Confirmation No.	9651
	First Named Inventor	THEEUWES, FELIX
	Application Number	09/917,181
	Filing Date	July 26, 2001
	Group Art Unit	1641
	Examiner Name	LAM, ANN Y.
	Title	<i>"LOCAL CONCENTRATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM"</i>

Sir:

This amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination, and is responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 24, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before, December 24, 2003. This amendment is filed with a request for a Three Month Extension of Time, making this amendment timely filed on or before March 24, 2004.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the amendments set forth below raise no new issues. Rather, the amendments place the claims in form for allowance or in better form for appeal. Entry of these amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Applicants note that those claims not amended herein are being reiterated solely for the convenience of the Examiner.